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From the Director's Desk

On November 1, 2004, I attended the change of command ceremony at the NOAA Aircraft Operations Center. Captain Steve Kozak, NOAA is the new Commanding Officer of AOC. Captain Kozak replaces Captain Robert Maxson, NOAA who will retire January 1, 2005 after more than 26 years of dedicated service. Congratulations to Captain Kozak and good luck to Captain Maxson.

As the field season comes to a close, CPC will be "hitting the road" to educate officers regarding Directive changes and to answer any and all personnel questions you may have. I am scheduled to meet with the executive officers, in Seattle, WA and the aviators, in Tampa, FL during the week of December 6, 2004. I am also planning to attend the NMAO Annual Conference, in Orlando, FL which is scheduled to start January 9, 2005. Additionally, I hope to visit the officers assigned to Norfolk, VA and Honolulu, HI. These meetings should provide you with up to date information regarding our personnel system but, to make these meetings as worth while as possible, please send me your questions or areas of interest so I may address them properly when we meet.

CPC is investigating alternative pricing and procurement options for shadow boxes. We have contacted several other vendors and we are even contemplating constructing the shadow box in house to drive down the price of the box, making it more affordable for the retiring officer. The Association of Commissioned Officers is also considering an option to purchase the shadow boxes for retiring officers.

BOTC 106 will be graduating November 18, 2004. These officers will be traveling to their assigned ships immediately after graduation. Chapter 6, Part 5, of the NOAA Corps Directives allows for Administrative Absence. Most of these officers have accrued a limited amount of annual leave, therefore, if deemed appropriate, these officers would benefit from being granted administrative absence in lieu of using their annual leave.

Captain Jonathan W. Bailey, NOAA
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following eight officers who were promoted last Friday, October 29, 2004. Seven additional vacancies became available on November 1, 2004. A promotion package has been prepared and it will be forwarded to the Secretary who will sign the commissions.

To be captain:

Sean R. White

To be commander:

David O. Neander

Michael S. Devany

To be lieutenant commander:

William R. Odell

Brian W. Parker

To be lieutenant:

Stephanie A. Koes

Daniel M. Simon

To be lieutenant (junior grade):

Matthew R. Ringel

NCD AMENDMENT - Service in Grade Requirement for Retirement

Section 3046 of Title 33 of the United States Code requires that the Secretary establish the length of service requirement for retirement. Rear Admiral De Bow, through delegated authority, has amended Section 08406 of the NOAA Corps Directives to prescribe a two-year service in grade requirement for retirement. This amendment will be posted on the CPC website and incorporated into Chapter 8 of the Directives. Please direct any questions regarding this amendment to Katherine Raymond (301)713-3453.

SILVER SPRING COMMUNITY PARADE

NMAO personnel in the Silver Spring area, the annual Silver Spring community parade is set for the morning of Saturday, November 20th this year. NOAA is registered to participate again since we are such a large part of the Silver Spring community. The 2003 NOAA paraders included both NOAA civilians and NOAA Corps officers in uniform. They had a great time and I hope for good NMAO participation this year.

Please mark your calendars and contact CDR Bullock (michele.bullock@noaa.gov or 301-713-1045) about details or if you'd like to participate. I hope you'll plan to come out again and bring your families to march for NOAA! If you have clever ideas as to how to dress up our section of the 2005 parade, please let us know.

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